

Remarks

The undersigned previously contacted the Examiner by phone to point out that it appears that the Examiner has overlooked a preliminary amendment filed with the present application that cancelled claims 1-21 and added claims 22-41 for examination. The Examiner has examined cancelled claims 1-21. The Examiner requested that a written reply be submitted to point out this oversight and that a new office action for the currently pending claims 22-41 would then be provided. Therefore, Applicants assert that this is a full response to the current Office Action and that no further discussion of issues raised by the Office Action is necessary at this time.

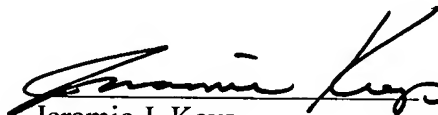
Conclusion

Applicants request that examination of the currently pending claims 22-41 immediately proceed. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees of time are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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